

PREDICTS CALAMITY UNDER FORD'S PLAN

Hugh L. Cooper, Consulting Engineer, Attacks Offer for Muscle Shoals.

LIKE TAKING BACKBONE

Says It Would Cost Federal Government \$1,275,000,000 in Next 100 Years.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Acceptance by Congress of the offer of Henry Ford for the purchase and lease of the Government properties at Muscle Shoals, Ala., would handicap the water power development of the entire South, and in this respect would be like removing the vertebrae from a man "you expected to get along," Hugh L. Cooper, consulting engineer to the Government on Muscle Shoals development, declared today in testifying before the House Military Committee, which is considering the offer.

Mr. Cooper attacked the offer from practically every point, and at one stage declared it would be a calamity to remove the super-water power projects of the South from the field of public utility for 100 years.

He also presented estimates based upon an engineering data showing that it would cost the Government \$1,275,000,000 during the next hundred years that Mr. Ford may secure sole, unregulated possession of the greatest water power in the South.

The maximum time for lease of Government lands containing water power possibilities, Mr. Cooper said, should be fifty years, and only that long unless the license was made subject to the regulations of the Federal water power act. He opposed the 100 year period on the ground that it was impractical for a business standpoint and to contract negotiated at this time could be made applicable to conditions he believed would prevail in 2022.

Another feature of the Ford offer which was mentioned by the witness was that agreeing to pay 4 per cent. interest on the money which would be necessary to complete the two dams at Muscle Shoals. He said the total amount expended and required to be spent upon those projects, estimated at \$3,175,475, should be made interest bearing and pointed out that the Government was paying 4 per cent. and more for the money it had borrowed.

Development of power at Muscle Shoals under the Ford offer, Mr. Cooper asserted, would be possible at approximately half the same costs as Niagara Falls and at the Kookuk Dam across the Mississippi and less than half the cost of the same class of energy developed in the commercial power territory within reach of Muscle Shoals.

Mr. Cooper was called by Chairman Kahn to the witness stand after Theodore Swann, president of the Federal Phosphorus Company at Birmingham, had explained the practical consequences of the operations, including the manufacture of cheap fertilizers, at Muscle Shoals. The latter told the committee that his company had definitely assured the Government that Muscle Shoals operations by applying certain new processes in the Birmingham plant which could be duplicated.

Mr. Swann also said in a greater scale than Muscle Shoals.

W. Worthington, representing the Tennessee River Improvement Association, finished his statement in support of the Ford offer at the forenoon session. He urged the acceptance of Mr. Ford's plan.

POSTAL TUBES HERE

FACE DELAY TO JULY 1

Deficiency Appropriation May Be Held Up.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.

Receipting of pneumatic tube service in the New York post office system may be delayed beyond April 1, as planned by the Harding Administration, as a result of the action of Representative Martin B. Madden (Ill.), Republican, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Madden's committee has authority to block passage of a deficiency appropriation of approximately \$123,000 which would be necessary if the tubes are to be reopened before July 1, when money becomes available from the regular postal appropriation bill.

Mr. Madden said today that the subcommittee for reopening the tubes at their face value should make an investigation of their own. How long this investigation might be prolonged the committee chairman refused to estimate.

M'QUATTERS CONFIRMS

BUYING PART OF MEXICO

9,000 Square Miles to Be Resold for Small Farms.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 17.—Virtual completion of one of the largest private land deals in the history of Mexico was made known when A. J. McQuatters, president of the Alvarado Mining Company, announced the purchase of 9,000 square miles of land in Chihuahua of Gen. Luis Terrazas, former Governor of Chihuahua. The land, in two pieces, covered more than 9,000 square miles. The northern boundary was approximately fifty miles south of the American border. During the revolution the property was confiscated, but recently was restored to the owner by President Obregon.

It is the purpose of the syndicate represented by Mr. McQuatters to resell the land in small farms and ranches, and it was announced that it would spend approximately \$25,000,000 in irrigation work and other improvements.

WOMAN'S FROZEN BODY

FOUND IN JERSEY PARK

Mystery as to How Rose Casey Met Her End.

CAMDEN, Feb. 17.—The woman whose body, frozen stiff, was found today on the outskirts of Forest Hill Park, was identified tonight as Rose Casey, known to the police of the tanglefoot districts of Philadelphia and Camden. Detectives said she also was known as Rose Klink. She was about 40 years old.

The mystery surrounding her death was still unsolved to-night. Several theories were advanced by the authorities. Many believed that she had committed suicide; others that she wandered into the park, became exhausted and was frozen to death, and some that she had been struck by an automobile. A bruise on the left side of the face and a lacerated leg, some of those working on the case said, would tend to strengthen the automobile theory.

SAYS HUNGARY AIDED ERZBERGER ASSASSINS

German Detectives Prevented From Arresting Them.

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BERLIN, Feb. 17. (Associated Press).—Heinrich Schulz and Heinrich Triesen, the alleged murderers of former Minister of Finance Erzberger, have been living in Budapest under full protection of Hungarian officials and monarchist sympathizers, who prevented two German detectives from serving warrants to the suspects, according to a dispatch to the Tagblatt today.

The alleged assassins, says the dispatch, lived in the Hotel Astoria while in Budapest, frequented expensive restaurants and purchased clothes and furniture to the amount of thousands of marks. A hotel employee observed that the men placed loaded revolvers on the tables by their beds and reported this fact to the police, who connected the weapons and the revolvers with them. Afterward the men were given permission to "disappear." The German detectives attempted to follow them, but the Hungarian police refused permission on the ground that Germany had refused to deliver the Communist Chernykh, who is alleged to have participated in the assassination of Count Tisza.

FRANCE WINS POINT

IN GENOA PARLEY

Little Entente and Poland in Preliminary Talks.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—Poland and the Little Entente countries will participate in the preliminary examination of the Genoa Conference program by experts of France, Great Britain, Italy, Belgium and Japan, under an accord which, it is semi-officially announced, has been reached by Great Britain and France. The Little Entente, which includes Poland, Czechoslovakia and Rumania, together with Poland, in the conversations is the suggestion of France.

SHORT STEEL COLUMN

IN COLLAPSED THEATER

Cavanaugh Admits Piecing It Out With Plates.

JAMES Cavanaugh, engineer in charge of work of the American Theater, the moving picture theater which collapsed on Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, testified yesterday in court that a short steel column which District Attorney Nathan Rosenberg had prevented the collapse, was found to be short when placed in position.

Cavanaugh said he placed a plate under the column to give it the required height, but the plate was too narrow, so several smaller plates were added to "piece out" the column. When the column was found to be out of plumb, he drove wedges between the plates and the concrete base until this was remedied.

Cavanaugh admitted that the plate was not secured to the wedges in any way and that the "shoe" of the column was bolted, not riveted, to the base.

An eyewitness applicant for guard named by him at a previous hearing to give his work had not been "happazard" in any way.

The superintendent of Buildings Kleiner announced yesterday that he had closed the American Theater, 210 Manhattan avenue, Williamsburg, pending alterations for safety. The east and west walls are cracked.

WORKLESS VETERANS

FOR NIGHT WATCHMEN

Would Help Police and Ease Unemployment Crisis.

A plan to relieve unemployment and at the same time add to the police force without extra cost to the city, was proposed yesterday by James F. Kieran, State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"It is necessary that veterans have employment and that householders and business men have adequate protection," Mr. Kieran said. "We can easily find worthy and well qualified, with the proper references, would be supplied with a petition to carry to the residents of a certain district for signatures. The signatories would be pledged to pledge themselves to pay \$2 a month each for night patrolling and policing of the district in which they reside. The men would be supplied with uniforms, supplied with a police badge, armed and put to work as night watchmen. He would be an authorized member of the city force and the city treasury would not be assessed."

Statements by Dr. William E. Mosher, director of the National Institute of Public Health, and Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Research, that the City Industrial Aid Bureau had not been effective in relieving unemployment and that cases demanding immediate attention had been turned down, were answered yesterday by Bird S. Coler, Commissioner of Public Welfare, and by Louis H. Sullivan, director of the bureau.

Mr. Coler said that since the organization of the bureau, in September, more than 6,300 idle men and women have obtained employment through its efforts and that no cases demanding immediate relief ever had been turned away.

SEEKS MORE ALIMONY

FROM MITCHELL HARRIS

Court Reserves Decision on Application of Actor's Wife.

JUSTICE FORD, in the Supreme Court yesterday, reserved decision on an application by Mrs. Ruth Harris for additional alimony. The case, pending the trial of a suit for separation she had brought against her husband, Mitchell Harris, actor.

Mrs. Harris on Thursday filed a suit against Mitchell Harris, Lord, suing against him in the play "Anna Christie" at the Vanderbilt Theatre, in which she charged her with having alienated the affections of Harris and demanded \$50,000 damages.

Mrs. Lord's salary at the Vanderbilt Theatre has already been garnished as the result of another alienation suit brought against her in California by Mrs. William Roche, in which Mrs. Roche obtained a judgment of \$5000.

The agents, Mellon, McCormack and Mogg, said that the man had about \$2,000 worth of cocaine, heroin and morphine.

THREE HELD AS DRUG SELLERS.

Had \$2,000 Worth of Cocaine, Heroin and Morphine.

Agents of the Government Narcotic Division arrested three men in the Bronx yesterday charged with selling drugs. The prisoners gave their names as Charles Dione, Mills Hotel No. 3; Theodore Sullivan, 579 East 159th street; and Francis Flynn, Sylvan Hotel, 121st street and Third avenue.

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ASKS LUMP SUM

Gen. Harbord Proposes That War Department Then Submit a Program.

U. S. SAVES HALF OF

7,500,000 of Those in Immediate Danger Being Helped.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—A suggestion that Congress fix upon a lump sum appropriation it is prepared to vote for maintenance of the regular army for the next fiscal year and then ask the War Department to work out a plan that would yield the maximum of military efficiency within that expenditure was laid today before the House Subcommittee on Army Appropriations.

Major-Gen. Harbord, Deputy Chief of Staff, was the only officer heard, as Secretary Weeks was still indisposed. His appearance with Gen. Pershing has been deferred until next week.

Committee members said Gen. Harbord had advanced the lump sum appropriation suggestion in view of the evidence of the committee to obtain an idea of what would be done with the army in the event of reduction of the authorized enlisted strength below the present 150,000 figure.

So far as known the War Department has received no hint of the curtailment of army funds the appropriation committee has in mind this year. It has been rumored, however, that Chairman Anthony of the sub-committee has been flurrying on reducing the enlisted force to 125,000 men, while the other two members of his committee favored reduction to 100,000.

The department is known to have been asked informally at least for reports on the distribution of forces it would make in case of either of these reductions or of a cut to 75,000 next year.

These studies have been made and show, it is understood, that while a considerable number of less than entirely reliable men would be necessary to apply the cut through the army generally in cases of a radical reduction in strength and virtually make good the deficit, it is not so with the few men who are to-day.

This cannot be done without Congressional approval, however, as the army is specifically directed by existing law to carry out all the work it is now doing. Harbord's suggestion is that the process be reversed and that Congress inform the army how much it is willing to provide and let the War Department work out a plan to meet the Congressional approval under that limitation a program.

DONEGAN TRIAL BEGINS

ON BOOZE PLOT CHARGE

Jury Chosen Quickly to Try Tea Party Ring Case.

THE trial of Edward J. Donegan, indicted on a liquor conspiracy charge which charges that he was in the office of the State Prohibition Director, began yesterday before Federal Judge Edwin J. Webb. Donegan is alleged to have been a participant in a "tea party ring" through whose activities millions of dollars worth of liquor were illegally released, according to agents of the Federal Revenue Bureau who made the arrests.

Miss Regina Sassone, who was a clerk in the office of Charles R. O'Connor, Donegan's attorney, was named in the indictment, went on trial with Donegan.

The defendants are represented by Edward J. Cahill, Jr., and David V. Cahill is prosecuting the case for the Government.

A jury was selected in two hours and the trial will begin Monday afternoon. The jurors are John Kirkpatrick, purchasing agent, 20 Church street, foreman; Joseph W. Foy, 225 West 125th street, alternate; R. Lewis Julian, real estate, 230 Broadway; Irving M. Blau, insurance broker, 180 Broadway; Ernest A. Moder, 180 Broadway; Henry B. Brierley, retired, 321 St. Nicholas avenue; Archibald M. Selby, lithographer, 421 Canal street; Richard J. Foy, 225 West 125th street; Alfred P. Jacob, retired, 623 West 207th street; William Harter, superintendent, 507 Madison avenue; Charles J. Foster, 120 West 51st street; and William F. Herbst, retired, 27 Grand avenue, Yonkers.

ACTOR RESCUED FROM

FRESH AIR PORCH BED

Hollywood Habits Dangerous in Cold Metropolis.

John Bannon, an actor, of 62 Second place, Brooklyn, who said he had worked in the Hollywood studios, was observed yesterday morning by Patrolman Edward Gardner of the West Forty-seventh street station asleep on the porch of 415 West 42nd street. It was then 6 or 7 degrees above zero.

Mr. Bannon was taken to the station and removed his shoes. His overcoat was taken as a blanket.

"Very sorry to disturb you, sir," said the patrolman, "but there are those who say too much fresh air is dangerous."

"I'll be with you in a moment, my man," said Bannon drowsily. He got up, rescued his watch, hat and shoes, and went to the station. Later in West Side court, where he was charged with intoxication, he faced a kindly magistrate and received a suspended sentence.

BLACK STAR LINE IN COURT.

Officers Are Accused of Missing United States Mails.

Elia Garcia and George Tobias, two officers of Marcus Garvey's Black Star Line, pleaded not guilty to using the mails to defraud in the United States District Court yesterday.

The hearings of Garvey and his aid, Oswald Thompson, were postponed until Monday, and Garcia and Tobias were released on \$2,500 bail. According to the indictments, they said the company was operating three steamships to Africa, and that they intended to add a vessel known as the Phyllis Wheatley. The Government contends that the only boat owned by the company was a small excursion steamboat which operated on the Hudson River. Stock in the Black Star company was sold at \$5 a share.

HELD FOR BEATING BOY.

Old Man Accused of Battering Child's Head on Sidewalk.

Adolph Wittenman, 75, of 233 Midwood street, Brooklyn, was arraigned before Magistrate Louis H. Reynolds in Brooklyn yesterday on a charge of having assaulted a five-year-old boy, John McCaughan of 230 Midwood street, complained that Wittenman shook his son James, and thumped his head against the sidewalk.

The defendant testified that he was asleep Sunday some one threw a snowball through a window of his bedroom. He saw the McCaughan boy in the street and he picked him up, he said, but denied that he had battered the child's head against the sidewalk. He was held in \$500 bail for trial in the Court of Special Sessions.

FORFEITS FIANCEE'S SAVINGS.

A \$200 bail bond representing the life savings of his fiancée, Kathryn Hallman, of 265 Carlton avenue, was forfeited yesterday by Frank Williams, 213 Carlton avenue, Brooklyn, failed to appear in the Court of Special Sessions in Brooklyn to answer to a charge of shoplifting.

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FURNITURE CO. BUYS

\$600,000 BUILDING

Acquires Quarters It Occupies on West 36th Street in Shopping Zone.

The Flint & Horner Company, Inc., furniture dealers, have purchased the twelve story building at 20-26 West Thirty-sixth street, which they have occupied under lease since the structure was put up about eight years ago.

The buyers occupy the entire building, which stands on a plot 65x100 between Fifth and Sixth avenues. Title was taken in the name of the 20 West Thirty-sixth Street, Inc., a holding concern for the new owners.

The buyers operate a large factory on East Sixty-eighth street, which they have moved to the new building. The new building is a safe and sound structure, and the buyers are well satisfied with it.

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News of the Real Estate World

FURNITURE CO. BUYS \$600,000 BUILDING

BROWN RESELLS FLAT

ON WEST 143D STREET

Other Apartment Deals in Manhattan.

Frederick Brown resold to a client of J. Romaine Brown Company, 615-618 West 143d street, a six story apartment, 10x100, having accommodations for thirty-six families. Mr. Brown recently purchased the property from E. L. Felt.

Pearse & Elliman sold the six story apartment house at 151 Claremont avenue, near 125th street, to Joseph G. Abramson for Mrs. Gail H. Heimer, who owned it for twenty-five years. It was held at \$125,000.

P. M. Clair & Co. sold to Harris Brown the three five story tenements at 204 Second avenue, northeast corner of 16th street, erected by the late Moses Danziger. The property was held at \$100,000. The sellers were represented by Moses J. Shneiderman, and the purchaser by Herman Mendes.

The Walter Gilman Berg estate, represented by Arthur J. McClure, sold the five story flat, 25x100, at 219 Fifth avenue. William Ward Jones was the broker.

Williams & Nymeyer sold for Mrs. Frances B. Newman 118 West 125th street, a five story flat, 25x100.11. Ernest N. Adler, who purchased recently 41 East Twenty-second street, sold to George J. Russo the adjoining four story tenement at 41 East Twenty-second street, at \$45, giving him a fifty foot parcel.

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